

Book Distribution Program

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Inspired by her father's inability to read or write, country music artist Dolly Parton created her Imagination Library, a book gifting program designed to foster a love of reading in children.

The Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program was established in eastern Tennessee in 1995 by the Dollywood Foundation to ensure that every child would have books, regardless of his or her family's income. Growing to an international program, it has now mailed more than 80 million free books to children.

This internationally successful book distribution program is now here in Lorain County!

Lorain Public Library System's (LPLS) libraries are registration locations for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



Fall Into A Good Book

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"You can never get enough books into the hands of children."

—Dolly Parton, author, country music artist and philanthropist



Families can register to receive one free book to be sent to their homes monthly for children from birth to 5 years old.

The books are provided by a grant from The Stocker Foundation, community partner donations, and The Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System, Inc.

LPLS's Main Library and Avon Branch Library will host literacy events in October titled "Llama Llama at the Library" to promote this exciting book distribution program. We will read Anna Dewdney's popular books, play games and visit the Llama Llama himself! See events listed inside this newsletter.

Find out more at LorainCountyImaginationLibrary.org.





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Self-publishing Tools

If you're thinking about self-publishing, the Lorain Public Library System is now offering three free, online tools for independent authors to write, edit, design and publish works in print and a variety of eBook formats. BiblioBoard, Self-e, and Pressbooks. Find them at LorainPublicLibrary.org/eLibrary.

BiblioBoard houses digital books, images, videos and more from libraries, artists, authors and others from your community and around the world. It offers new fiction, popular comic books, award-winning videos and colorful children's books.



SELF-e is a collaboration between Library Journal and BiblioBoard allowing authors and libraries to work together to present self-published eBooks. If a submitted eBook is selected by Library Journal's SELF-e curation process, the eBooks may be circulated among participating public libraries across the U.S. and Canada.



Pressbooks is another online platform, also partnering with BiblioBoard, for creating professional eBooks and print books which may then circulate in participating libraries.



Not ready to upload your works yet? Peruse what other authors have done on the publishing platform, the BiblioBoard mobile library. You can read eBooks on that online platform via any device, at any time.

Learn more about the traditional and self-publishing process when you attend the LPLS Writing Conference this fall!

LPLS Writing Conference

Do you dream of becoming a published author someday? Don't know where to begin, or perhaps you need guidance with the writing, editing and the traditional publishing process?

Aspiring authors: We're having a writing conference just for you, whether you are new to the craft or a veteran writer.

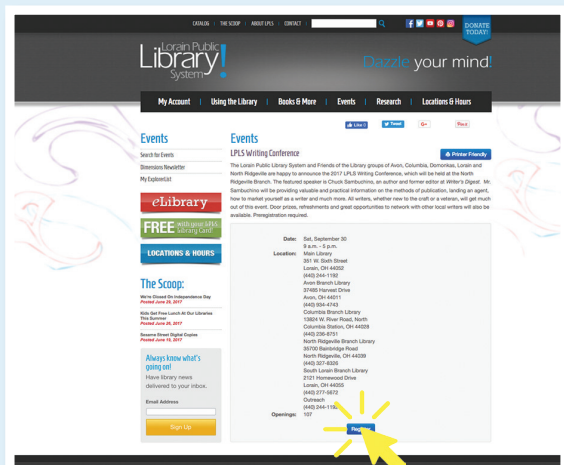
Lorain Public Library System's Writing Conference will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at our North Ridgeville Branch Library (35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville).

Featured Speaker Chuck Sambuchino, author and former editor at Writer's Digest, will talk about publication methods, landing an agent, how to market yourself as a writer and much more.

Come for door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers.

Preregistration is required to attend this free event. Sign up by calling our libraries or in our online calendar of events at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events.

The writing conference is sponsored by Lorain Public Library System, and all five Friends of the Library groups: Avon Branch, Columbia Branch, Domonkas Branch, Lorain (Main Library and South Lorain Branch) and North Ridgeville Branch.



Register online at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events.

Best Wishes Valerie!

Valerie Smith, our public services coordinator, known for sharing her love of local history, has retired after serving the Lorain Public Library System (LPLS) for more than 40 years.

During her career at LPLS's Main Library, she's served as a children's librarian and adult librarian, and has headed both departments. Looking back, Smith says she's proud of having helped to get levies passed because "the community needs and deserves a good library," she said.

"I'm proud of the way the Lorain Public Library System has always been forward-thinking in terms of technology and different library materials that the public might want. We were one of the first libraries to offer personal computers the public could try out."

—Valerie Smith, Public Services Coordinator
at the Main Library

Helping patrons find their next best "read" and having such a wide access to new books has been what she's enjoyed most during her library career. "That personal touch found in reader's advisory has been one of my main enjoyments. I really enjoy that one-on-one time helping patrons," she said.

Smith has led highly successful, well-attended nutrition and local history programs including the popular presentations on the Lorain-Sandusky Tornado of 1924, and the Sears Catalog Kit Homes in Lorain County.

One of her most recent accomplishments, she calls it her special exit project, is her involvement in helping to celebrate and preserve a very important piece of Lorain's history.

Working with the Lorain Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. and the Lorain Historical Society, Smith researched and compiled the lighthouse's history, now published in the booklet *The History of the Lorain Lighthouse (1917 – 2017)*. "That book is definitely a nice souvenir to leave on my way out the door," Smith said.



**Thank you for all your expertise, leadership
and dedication to our libraries, Val.**
We wish you all the best in this new chapter of your life!



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Enjoy Online Cinema

Choose to watch from more than 26,000 films online with our new digital service provider – Kanopy – all for free with your Lorain Public Library System library card.

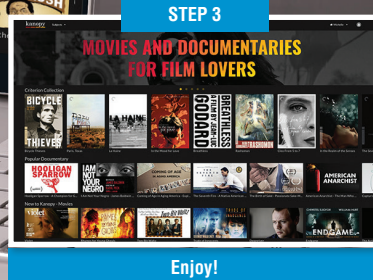
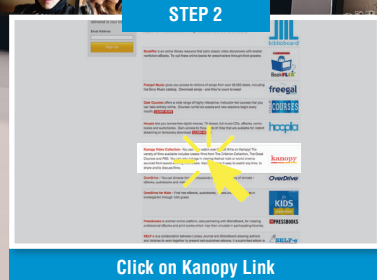
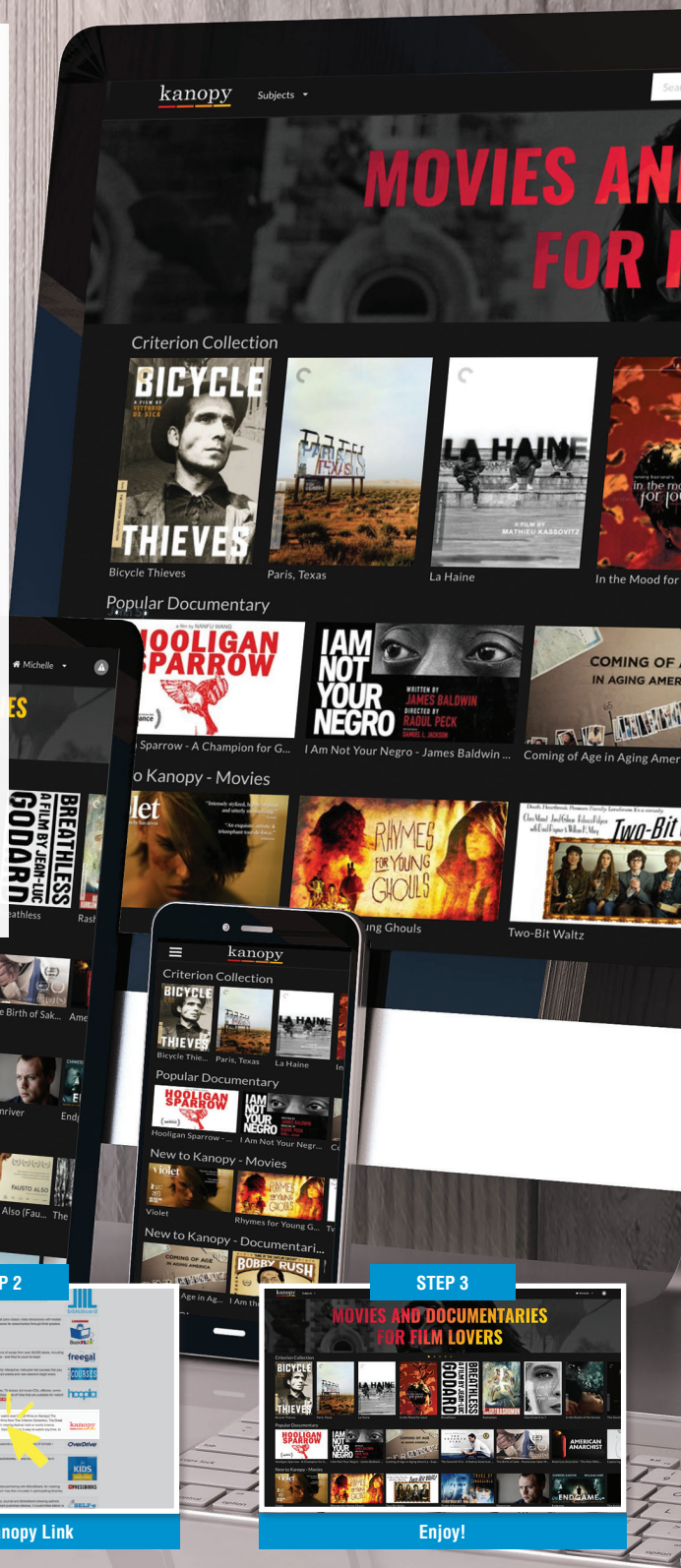
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To find these and more, click the red eLibrary button on the homepage. From there, scroll down the alphabetical listing to Kanopy Video Collection. Click the link and enjoy!

You can share and discuss films, stream videos to a computer or mobile device and cast to your TV using the Roku streaming player (purchased separately).

Note: You will need a library or eLibrary card.



Lorain Public Library System Locations/Hours

Main Library

351 W. Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052
440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ
M,Tu,W,Th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Drive, Avon, OH 44011
440-934-4743
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Columbia Branch

13824 W. River Road North
Columbia Station, OH 44028
440-236-8751
M,Tu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; W,Th Noon-8 p.m.
F Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Domonkas Branch

4125 E. Lake Road
Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
440-949-7410
M,Tu,Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
W Noon-8:30 p.m.; F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.;
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch

35700 Bainbridge Road
North Ridgeville, OH 44039
440-327-8326
M, Tu, W, Th 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;
F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

(* Closed Sundays from May through September.)

South Lorain Branch

2121 Homewood Drive
Lorain, OH 44055
440-277-5672
M,Tu,Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; W Noon-8 p.m.;
F 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

(* Closed Sundays from May through September.)

These hours are
subject to change.



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- Our contests for books and other giveaways
- Our exciting, upcoming events
- Fun pictures featuring our staff, patrons and our mascot Browser®

Visit [Instagram.com/LorainLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/LorainLibrary)
Or find us on the social media platform
by searching @LorainLibrary.



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Lorain, OH 44052

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September

Monday, September 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Tuesdays, September 5, 19, 26;

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21, 28;

December 5, 12, 19; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sewing Club

Learn hand sewing and sewing machine skills. A few sewing machines will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own portable machine. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 5; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Join other teens interested in writing to discuss, write, and constructively critique each other's work. For grades seven through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 6; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kids Cook: Snacks

Calling all cooks. Join us for fun kitchen adventures as we learn how to select, mix, and prepare simple, healthy snacks. Open to all kids ages 10 to 18. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 12; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Anime And Manga Club

Hello, otaku! Join your fellow fanatics and enjoy anime, manga, drawing, fan culture and more. View a variety of shows, from shojo to shonen, action, adventure and fantasy. For all enthusiastic fans from 13 to 18 years of age. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 14; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, September 15; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 16; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, September 18; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Book Sale And Preview

Admission to Thursday's book sale preview is reserved for members of the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. The book sale is open to the public from Friday through Tuesday and sponsored by the Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc.

Saturday, September 16; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let's Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language

Practice your English-speaking skills for free and have no homework! Preregistration required.

Monday, September 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

Join Ernie Hernandez, Duelist and organizer, for open play time for ages 8 to 18. Advanced Format. Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens August 14. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 19; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Spice & Herb Exchange Club

Discover new flavors and bold tastes to create mouthwatering dishes, marinades, dry rubs, adobos, sofritos, baked goods, soups, salads, rice, teas (home remedies) and coffees. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 27; noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Local History: Property History Research Tips

Renee Dore will discuss tools for property research such as Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and other resources that tell about some of the allotments that grew into Lorain's early neighborhoods. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 27; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 28; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

Join us for a visit with Outback Ray and his amazing exotic animals. Be ready for an interactive, educational and exciting time! This program is for families with children of all ages. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LPLS Writing Conference

North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville will sponsor the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference with Chuck Sambuchino, author and former *Writer's Digest* editor, who will provide publication, landing an agent, how to market and other information for new and veteran writers. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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October

Tuesday, October 3; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Improv Night

What can you do with a box of props and a list of prompts? In the style of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, join us for a special night of laughs and spontaneous fun. Make it up as you go along and you'll be surprised what develops. For all intrepid actors and comics, ages 12 to 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 4; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kids Cook: Salads

Calling all cooks. Join us for fun kitchen adventures as we learn how to select, mix, and prepare simple, healthy salads. Open to all kids ages 10 to 18. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 7; 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Llama Llama At The Library

Join us as we celebrate Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program that delivers free books to children birth through age 5. We will read Anna Dewdney's popular books, play games and visit with Llama Llama! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 9; 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Teen Drama Club

Join this group of sixth through 12th-graders in rehearsing and performing a dramatic winter-themed presentation for younger kids and their families. Auditions begin Monday, Oct. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by regular rehearsals every Monday in October and November and December 4 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The performance date is Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., with a short rehearsal beforehand at 4 p.m. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 10; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Join other teens interested in writing to discuss, write, and constructively critique each other's work. For grades seven to 12. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Essential Oils Program

Katie Vasko, an essential oil enthusiast and educator, will join us to provide education about essential oils and their common uses. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Fire Safety For Kids

Learn about fire safety from members of the Lorain Fire Department during National Fire Prevention Week, followed by a chance to explore the fire truck. For all ages, grades K-5. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 16; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

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Tuesday, October 17; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Anime And Manga Club

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Saturday, October 21; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Make A Ghost Wine Bottle

Halloween is almost here. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of crafting. Liz Guilkey will present this session as she helps you make a Ghost Wine Bottle for your Halloween decorations. All materials will be provided. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Spice & Herb Exchange Club

Discover new flavors and bold tastes to create mouthwatering dishes, marinades, dry rubs, adobos, sofritos, baked goods, soups, salads, rice, teas (home remedies) and coffees. All are welcome to join our Spice & Herb Exchange Club. Bring your favorite recipes to share and an edible sample for tasting. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pizza Party Taste Test

Join us for a night of ooey-goey fun as we share samples from Lorain's local pizza makers. We'll sample it all from cheesy bread to pastas to pepperoni. Be the first to judge the most outstanding among the samples. For all pizza lovers, ages 7 to 18. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 25; noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunchtime Local History: The Origin Of Sandstone Quarries In Northern Ohio

Christian Ellis, library associate at the Main Library, will share his research about the history of sandstone quarries in northern Ohio.

Wednesday, October 25; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 26; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Halloween Party

This is Halloween! Join us for a night of spooky fun as we celebrate with food, games, and crafts. All ages are welcome to creep into the library for this ghastly event. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let's Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language

Practice your English-speaking skills for free and have no homework! Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Medicare Update 2018

How will current or new legislation affect your Medicare benefits in 2018? Preregistration required.

November

Wednesday, November 1

Dinovember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember.

Wednesday, November 1; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kids Cook: Simple Suppers

Calling all cooks. Join us for fun kitchen adventures as we learn how to select, mix, and prepare simple, healthy suppers. Open to all kids ages 10 to 18. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 4; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come Write In - NaNoWriMo

Join us for National Novel Writing Month as we put pen to paper and fingers to keys. Bring your own writing tools and plot to your heart's content. All ages, 13 and up, are welcome.

Tuesday, November 7; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Join other teens interested in writing to discuss, write, and constructively critique each other's work. For grades seven through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 8; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid Party

Calling all *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans! Help the library celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway* with hilarious games, trivia and crafts. The stinky cheese may even make a special appearance! Intended for ages 6 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 11; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Saturday, November 18; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come Write In - NaNoWriMo

Join us for National Novel Writing Month as we put pen to paper and fingers to keys. Bring your own writing tools and plot to your heart's content. All ages, 13 and up, are welcome.

Monday, November 20; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Open Play Time

Join Ernie Hernandez, Duelist and organizer, for open play time for ages 8 to 18. Advanced Format. Konami rules. Bring your own deck of 40 cards minimum. Card trading is not allowed. Registration opens October 23. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 21; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Join other teens interested in writing to discuss, write, and constructively critique each other's work. For grades seven through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

EARLY CLOSING FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations will close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 24; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 25; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friends Holiday Bazaar

The Friends are holding a two-day holiday bazaar and bake sale after Thanksgiving Friday and Saturday, first floor Morrison Room. New and like new items – books, DVDs, toys, jewelry, crafts, etc. - will be on sale. Come shopping for great gift bargains.

Saturday, November 25; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let's Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language

Practice your English-speaking skills for free and have no homework! Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 25; 6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Frozen Party - Waterfront Winterfest

Join us for games, crafts and music from the movie in this after-hours program to celebrate Lorain's Waterfront Winterfest!

Wednesday, November 29; 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

LEGO® Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. All ages welcome. Preregistration required.

Coding Club

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25;

November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13, 20, 27;

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Coding Club

Get ready for games, robots, and apps! We'll provide the tech, and you provide the creativity as we explore coding concepts and computer languages. All skill levels welcome. Intended for children ages ten and up. Preregistration required.

Job Help Mondays

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25;

October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20, 27;

December 4, 11, 18; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Job Help Mondays

Are you seeking help in looking for a job? Come to one of the library's free drop-in sessions. Learn how to compose and assemble your own resume, set up your own email account, attach your resume in an email to a job website, save your resume online, apply for a job online and set up your own account with online job websites. Preregistration required.





December

Tuesday, December 5; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

Join other teens interested in writing to discuss, write, and constructively critique each other's work. For grades seven through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 6; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kids Cook: Cupcake Wars

Calling all cooks. Join us for fun kitchen adventures as we learn how to decorate your very own cupcake masterpiece. Open to all kids ages 10 to 18. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 9; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let's Talk English - Conversation Skills For English As A Second Language

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Monday, December 11; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teen Holiday Drama Performance

Families with children of all ages are invited to a special holiday performance by our Teen Drama Club. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Thursday, December 14; 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Jumanji Movie Party

Can you hear the drums? Come watch the 1995 release of *Jumanji* under a jungle canopy! Doors will open at 5:30 so you can explore, and the movie will start promptly at 6 p.m., so don't be late! Popcorn will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Tuesday, December 26; 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Spice & Herb Exchange Club

Discover new flavors and bold tastes to create mouthwatering dishes, marinades, dry rubs, adobos, sofritos, baked goods, soups, salads, rice, teas (home remedies) and coffees. Preregistration required.

Computer Programs

Friday, September 1; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 8; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 15; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 16; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 18; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 22; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Email For Beginners

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 29; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 6; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 13; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 27; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, November 3; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 6; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, November 10; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

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Saturday, November 11; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Friday, November 17; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 2; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 4; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, December 8; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Saturday, December 9; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 11; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, December 15; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Chess Club

Saturdays, September 2, 16, 30; October 14, 28;

November 11; December 9, 23; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Knights Of The Square Table Chess Club

Calling all chess players! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, come to our open play sessions.

Exercise Programs

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

November 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Zumba®

Zumba® makes working out fun and effective! Join the Zumba® workout craze and shed pounds while dancing to merengue, salsa and other hot Latin beats. Preregistration required.

Story Times

Mondays, September 25; October 2; 9, 16, 23, 30;

November 6, 13; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Family Story Time

Families with babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy stories, music, finger plays and a craft while developing important early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Thursday, September 21; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley By Hannah Tinti

Join us for a discussion of Hannah Tinti's exciting *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley*. Samuel Hawley isn't a normal father. On the run from a dark past, his body riddled with bullet scars, he and his daughter Loo try to settle down in one place. Every bullet wound tells a story that Loo must unravel as her father's unsavory past catches up with them. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 19; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - My Cousin Rachel By Daphne du Maurier

When Philip Ashley's cousin, Ambrose, dies in Rome after marrying a beautiful and potentially sinister stranger, Philip is left his beautiful English estate. Ambrose's bride soon turns up at Philip's newly inherited estate. Is the mysterious woman the charming, passionate bride that Ambrose first fell in love with, or is she a dangerous murderer trying to claim her next victim? Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 16; 6 p.m.

Third Thursday Book Discussion - Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI By David Grann

Rich with oil discovered under their land, members of the Osage tribe were some of the wealthiest people in the world. Able to afford a lavish lifestyle in the midst of 1920's Oklahoma, they built luxurious mansions and sent their children to the best European schools. Soon, however, a plot to murder them comes to deadly fruition, and one by one, members of the Osage tribe begin to die. With the death toll rising and even investigators themselves becoming victims, the FBI takes the case. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.

How-To

Saturday, September 23; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Adult Painting

Adults, painting experience won't be necessary at this simple, stress-free session. Artist and South Branch Librarian Supervisor Cheryl Grizzell will guide you in replicating the featured painting. Canvas, paints and brushes, as well as light refreshments, will be provided. Artists will take home their masterpieces. Wear appropriate clothing. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 11 a.m. - noon

Energy Efficient Homes

Learn how to make your home more energy efficient by using easy tips and tricks like LED bulbs, unplugging your electronic devices, and so much more. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Glitter Tattoos

Color us sparkly! Children, teens and adults are invited to use our special body glue and glitter to make temporary designs on their arms and hands.

Saturday, September 23; noon - 12:45 p.m.

Make a Fidget Spinner

You can make a fidget spinner with some common household items and a lot of creativity! This craft requires good fine motor skills and uses hot glue, so please no children younger than third grade. Teens and adults are welcome to make one for the little ones in their lives. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Meet The Breeds

Curious about a Komondor? Eager to meet an Irish setter? Come meet members of the Lorain County Kennel Club and their various breeds. Join our program about how to pick the next best friend for your family! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

EVP Mediums Visit

Come meet EVP Mediums, a local paranormal investigation team from Lorain, who will explain their process of ghost hunting and spirit talk. Light refreshments will be provided. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Indoor Hydroponic Vegetables

Learn how to make a low cost hydroponic potting system for growing vegetables and herbs in your very own kitchen. Preregistration required.



Avon Branch

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Hours subject to change

September

Monday, September 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Thursday, September 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Nature Play Date - Northgate Park Northgate Park

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their caregivers, meet at Northgate Park, 37701 Lake Drive in Avon, for a nature-themed story time and a nature scavenger hunt in the park afterward. In case of inclement weather, join us at the Avon Branch Library instead. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 7; 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Friends Of The Avon Library Meeting

Come to the Friends of the Avon Library meeting and find out what we're all about. We are always on the lookout for new members to help support our mission.

Wednesday, September 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! Talk with your peers about some of your favorites, chill out and enjoy some anime-related activities. Light refreshments will be served. G-rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Kandinsky Art For Kids

Children, preschool through fifth grade, join us for a program about artist Wassily Kandinsky, one of the pioneers of abstract, modern art. Listen to the book *The Noisy Paint Box* by Barb Rosenstock. Then make your own masterpiece inspired by Kandinsky through the use of bold colors and shapes. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Sailboats

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families build a sailboat and then race against the clock for time and distance. The winner receives a grand prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 20; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Oaks

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies - what more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Oaks, 37800 French Creek Road in Avon, for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 21; 5 p.m.

Board Of Trustees Meeting

Lorain Public Library System board of trustees meeting at the Avon Branch.

Saturday, September 23; 11 a.m. - noon

Musical Petting Zoo

Families with children of all ages are invited to this musical day presented by members of the Avon High School Orchestra. The students will be on hand with their instruments to talk about them, demonstrate their beautiful and varied sounds, and in some cases provide a hands-on experience to young visitors. Inspire the musician in your child by attending this special event. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Place Avon Place

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies - what more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32900 Detroit Avenue in Avon, for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 26; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Medicare Update

What are Medicare Parts A and B? What is a Medicare Supplement? Why is it important to review your drug plan each year? What is a Medicare Advantage Plan? Ronald Skowronsky, a local tax and financial consultant, will answer these questions and more during this informational event. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 28; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

Get creative with LEGO® blocks and see what you can build! Complete fun building challenges, and display your creations in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 29; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Story Time For You And Me

Rose Senior Living

Come join us at Rose Senior Living, 33200 Health Campus Blvd. in Avon, for an afternoon of stories, music, finger plays and crafts. We will be joined by Rose Senior Living residents and children from Primrose School. Perfect for children ages 3 to 6. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LPLS Writing Conference

North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville are happy to announce the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference. The featured speaker is Chuck Sambuchino, an author and former editor at *Writer's Digest*. Mr. Sambuchino will be providing valuable and practical information on the methods of publication, landing an agent, how to market yourself as a writer and much more. All writers, whether new to the craft or a veteran, will get much out of this event. Door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers will also be available. Preregistration required.

October

Tuesday, October 3; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Artful Arches

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families build an arch using limited materials. The team with the largest arch wins a grand prize! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Developing A Business Plan

If you want to start a business or have already done so and don't have a plan, you may find yourself going off in the wrong direction. We will discuss the elements of a business plan, explore the issues that must be considered in developing your business plan, and outline questions to answer before committing to your dream. Our speaker, Bob Cohen, is currently chair of SCORE's Marketing Committee. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses grow.

Saturday, October 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Llama Llama At The Library

Have you heard about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Lorain County? Join us as we celebrate this wonderful program that delivers free books to children birth through age 5. We will be reading Anna Dewdney's popular books, playing games, and visiting with Llama Llama himself! Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 7; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

My Little Pony Party

Join us at the library for an afternoon of My Little Pony fun! Enjoy games, crafts and some light refreshments. Fun dress up is encouraged! Perfect for children ages 3 to 12. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 10; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Minecraft Party

Don't be a creeper! Come to the library and get in on the Minecraft craze that's sweeping the world. Children in kindergarten through third grade, join us for a night of Minecraft-themed fun and games, including a Minecraft scavenger hunt and pixilated crafts! Preregistration required.

Friday, October 13; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Family Movie And Popcorn

Families are invited to enjoy popcorn and a family friendly movie at the library. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Indie Author Day

Attend this special event celebrating the work of local authors. Authors will be available to talk about their writing and publishing experience. Video sessions on a variety of writing topics will be offered throughout the day. Take advantage of this chance to gain inspiration and wisdom for your own writing project. Authors interested in participating should call the library. The event is open to the public.

Tuesday, October 17; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Engineering Night: Marble Races

Join us for a family-friendly engineering competition that challenges your STEM skills. School-age children and their families complete several challenges to land a marble in a cup. The team that successfully completes the most challenges wins a grand prize! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 19; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

Get creative with LEGO® blocks and see what you can build! Complete fun building challenges, and display your creations in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 21; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Super Sweet Haunted Houses

Tweens and teens - come enjoy a spooktacular time at the library by creating your own "haunted" gingerbread house. All sweets and treats will be provided. Perfect for those in grades five through 12. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tri-C Ghost Hunters

Do you believe in ghosts? You will after you see a presentation on the paranormal and ghost hunting by investigators from Tri-C Ghost Hunters! They collectively have been on over 700 investigations, from a small two-bedroom apartment in West Virginia to a large medieval castle in Scotland. They have over 165 years total experience in the paranormal field and have investigated nearly 200 locations, including many well-known haunted locations and numerous private homes. Come join us as they take you on a trip into the world of paranormal and ghost hunting as they present evidence from some of their most memorable investigations. Sponsored by the Friends of the Avon Library. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 25; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

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Saturday, October 28; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Spook-A-Rama For Kids

Bool! Preschoolers through fifth-graders are invited to have some not-so-scary Halloween fun with stories, music, games and treats. Preregistration required.



November

Wednesday, November 1

Dinovember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Wednesday, November 1; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Marketing Your Business

Marketing your business is critical to its success. This session will help you understand what marketing is and show you how to conduct market research. We will help you understand how to analyze your market environment and determine your target market, as well as help you determine how to position your product. Our speaker, Anita Khayat, PhD, MBA, is a certified mentor with SCORE. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses grow. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 4; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tween And Teen Chopped Challenge

Tweens and teens, are you a fan of The Food Network's *Chopped*? Then put on your apron and join us for our Chopped Challenge! Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, you will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specific course. Join us for this fun, tasty event. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

If you love anime, come join us for our anime night! Talk with your peers about some of your favorites, chill out and enjoy some anime-related activities. Light refreshments will be served. G-rated cosplay is encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 9; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Art Play Date

Toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents, join us for an art play date at the library! Kids will have fun and learn while exploring sensory art materials. We will read a story related to the art project. Bringing a smock or wearing "messy" clothing is recommended. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 11; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Puppy Pals Story Time

Volunteers from Therapy Dogs International along with their animals will join us for a very special story time. Pre-K and school-age children will learn all about the jobs of different therapy and service dogs, take part in a puppy read along and make fun doggy crafts. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Almost Guiltless Desserts For The Holidays

Don't give up on desserts for the holidays, just make them healthier! Susan Aldrich will share recipes that are big on flavor, but lower on fat and sugar, including strawberry pie and chocolate icebox dessert. Bring your appetite and enjoy without the guilt. Participants will leave with lots of recipes to take home. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 16; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, November 17; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 18; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Sale And Preview

The book sale preview will run from 5 to 6 p.m. Admission to the preview sale is reserved for members of the Friends of the Avon Library. New members may join that evening. The sale will open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m., immediately following the preview. Donations of books in good condition will be accepted Monday through Thursday before the book sale opens.

Saturday, November 18; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Place Avon Place

Grandmas, grandpas, a good book and some homemade cookies- What more could a child want? Local seniors and children are invited to join us at Avon Place, 32900 Detroit Avenue in Avon, for this cozy afternoon program and create a heartwarming reading experience for young and old. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

EARLY CLOSING FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations will close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 24

Kids' Make And Take Crafts

Families with children of all ages, join us during regular library hours for a wide variety of simple crafts to make and take home with you.

Saturday, November 25; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Musical Toolbox

Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a board-certified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 29; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Reading Buddies - Avon Oaks

Avon Oaks

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Wednesday, November 29; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Thursday, November 30; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Builders Club

Get creative with LEGO® blocks and see what you can build! Complete fun building challenges, and display your creations in the library. Ages 6 and up. Little builders, ages 4 through 5, are invited to join in by building with a parent. Preregistration required..

December

Saturday, December 2; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Mini Golf Open House

Head on over to the Avon Branch Library as part of your family holiday fun in Avon. Our sixth annual holiday open house offers story times, musical entertainment and above all ... mini golf in the stacks! Light refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Avon Library and their elves.

Monday, December 4; 6 p.m.

Hour Of Code

Children ages six and up, join kids around the world to celebrate Computer Science Education Week with one hour of code. Learn the basics of computer programming and game creation with Scratch. And, if an hour isn't enough for you, feel free to stay and keep creating and playing until 8! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Star Wars: Jedi Academy

Learn to feel the force at our Jedi training academy! Join us for *Star Wars* games, crafts, and more as we celebrate the release of the new movie, *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. For children in preschool through fifth grade. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Financial Management For Your Small Business

If you are like most small business owners and entrepreneurs, you've probably never had a formal course in business finance. There are a few fundamentals that every business owner should know about financial statements in particular. Bill Bumbalo, current chair of SCORE's outreach program, will discuss three statement flavors: balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses grow. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Do you have a holiday sweet tooth? Bring four dozen of your favorite holiday cookie (or choose a recipe from one of our many cookbooks) and swap them with other event goers to create a varied cookie tray to take home for the holiday season. Share your cookie baking tips and discover new recipes. Packaging materials will be provided, but you can bring your own containers if desired. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Teen Anime Night

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Saturday, December 16; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Family Grinch Day

Get into the bah humbug spirit at our family grinch party! We will celebrate with some grinchy games and crafts, and then watch an animated classic. Finish off the fun with a scavenger hunt to find the candy canes the grinch hid around the library. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Meditation

Explore the de-stressing powers of meditation with Lauren of 3sisters yoga + fitness of Avon. Perfect for brand new meditators, and just in time for the holidays. Feel free to wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat. This program is for adults. Preregistration required.

Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Wednesday, December 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Writers Group

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn about the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 30; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2018 with music, activities and a countdown to a balloon drop at noon. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Wednesday, September 13; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Books And Brews - *The Dinner* By Herman Koch - Avon Brewing Company

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a discussion of the book *The Dinner* by Herman Koch at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road in Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library.



Tuesday, September 26; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - *Plainsong* By Kent Haruf

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!



Wednesday, October 11; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Books And Brews - *A Head Full Of Ghosts* By Paul Tremblay - Avon Brewing Company

Looking for something fun to do in the middle of the week? Try kicking back with a book and a pint! Adults ages 21 and over are welcome to join us for a discussion of the book *A Head Full of Ghosts* by Paul Tremblay at Avon Brewing Company, 37040 Detroit Road in Avon. Participants are responsible for their own drinks. Copies of the book are available at the library.



Tuesday, October 24; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - *Everything I Never Told You* By Celeste Ng

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome!



Wednesday, November 8; 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Books And Brews - *In The Heart Of The Sea* By Nathaniel Philbrick - Avon Brewing Company

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Tuesday, November 28; 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - *My Name Is Lucy Barton* By Elizabeth Strout

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Computer Programs

Monday, September 11; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

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Wednesday, September 20; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pinterest 101

Come and learn about the popular website Pinterest. With Pinterest you can collect or "pin" images you love online. Learn how to create an account, collect and organize pins on boards, follow people and more! Preregistration required.

Monday, September 25; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

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Monday, October 16; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

eMedia

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Friday, December 1; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Manage Photos From Cloud

Learn how to upload photos and videos to the cloud from your computer, and how to transfer pictures and videos from your cell phone or tablet. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 18; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

eMedia

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Story Times

Tuesdays, September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24; November 28; December 5, 12, 19; 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Talk, sing, read, write and play with us! Preschoolers ages 3 through 5 years, with or without their caregivers, are invited to join us for fun songs, rhymes, stories and activities - including arts and crafts - designed to build early literacy skills. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, September 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 30; December 7, 14, 21; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Baby Bounce And Rhyme Story Time

Enjoy an interactive story time designed for you and your baby, 6 through 23 months old. We will encourage early literacy development and parent/child interaction through stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursdays, September 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 30; December 7, 14, 21; 11:30 a.m. - noon

Toddler Tales Story Time

Join us for an interactive story time for children, ages 2 through 3 years old, that will engage your child with stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Your child will learn important early literacy skills that will help them grow into pre-readers all while having fun. Children must attend with an adult. Siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Music Makers

A musical story time for families with children of all ages. Join us for stories with a beat, toe-tapping tunes, instruments and dancing. Preregistration required.

Saturdays, October 14; November 11; December 9; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sensory Story Time

Join us for a program designed specifically for children with special needs and their families. This nurturing story time includes books, songs, movement and social time. Get ready to have fun at the library! Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 14; 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Story Time

Families with children from birth to age 6, join us for jingle bells and jolly elves at a special family story time featuring holiday stories, music and a simple craft. Preregistration required.



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September

Monday, September 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

*Wednesday, September 6 through Saturday,
September 9; regular library hours*

Grandparents Day Cards

Grandparents Day is on Sunday, September 10. Kids, stop in the library on one of these days before to create a beautiful card to express your appreciation and love. Materials will be provided.

Wednesday, September 13; noon - 6 p.m.
Scooby-Doo Birthday Celebration

To all meddling kids out there - stop in at the library anytime during these hours for fun and games with Scooby-Doo and friends. Be sure to stop back later for movie night! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Wednesday, September 13; 6 p.m.
Movie Night With Scooby-Doo

It's Scooby-Doo's birthday! End a fun day of celebration with the birthday boy himself by sitting back and enjoying a movie with the gang. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Columbia Writers

Have you ever wanted to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 16; 11 a.m.
Pet Rocks Rock!

Adopt your own pet rock at the library. Visit our Pet Rock Shop to choose your new pet. Name your pet and make it a comfy bed to go home in. This program is for children ages 3 to 7 and is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 19; 6:30 p.m.
**Essential Oils - Kids, Cooties And
Diffuser Blends**

Join Terri Kistler as she shares a few tried and true suggestions using essential oils that may help the family have a better school year.

Wednesday, September 20; 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
After School Specials

Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will also be provided. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 21; 6 p.m.
Planning For College

Frederick J. Kerestury, Financial Professional at AXA Advisors, will present "Planning for College" at the Columbia Branch on Thursday, September 21, at 6 p.m. This seminar will discuss the various kinds of college savings options available as well as the various sources of college funding that are available. AGE-126137 (05/2019) Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 26; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Anime Club

If you love anime, come join us for our anime event! We'll enjoy watching anime, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 27; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fall Card Making For Grown-Ups

Seasons change, the air is crisp and nothing says you care more than a personally handcrafted card. Come join us as we complete three different and unique cards with a fall flavor that you'll take home mail-ready. Supplies provided. All skill levels welcome. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 29; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LPLS Writing Conference

North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville are happy to announce the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference. The featured speaker is Chuck Sambuchino, an author and former editor at *Writer's Digest*. Mr. Sambuchino will be providing valuable and practical information on the methods of publication, landing an agent, how to market yourself as a writer and much more. All writers, whether new to the craft or a veteran, will get much out of this event. Door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers will also be available. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 11 a.m.
Teen Craft Closet

Teens, show your creative crafting expertise at the library. We'll provide you with a wide array of materials from our craft closet and you can let your imagination run away with you! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

October

Thursday, October 5; 6 p.m.

Insights Into The Unknown - Tri-C Ghost Hunters

Tri-C Ghost Hunters is a team of dedicated paranormal investigators and enthusiasts who investigate claims of paranormal activity throughout Ohio and the surrounding states. Join us for a presentation on investigating the paranormal with audio, video and photographic evidence from past cases, as well as the basics of conducting an investigation. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 10; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11; noon - 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 12; noon - 7 p.m.

Friday, October 13; noon - 6 p.m. - Bag & Box Sale

Saturday, October 14; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Penny Day Book Sale

The book sale is open to the public and sponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Look for great bargains on books, CDs, DVDs and more.

Thursday, October 12; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Columbia Writers

Have you ever wanted to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 17; 6 p.m.

The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help at fundraising events. New members and guests are welcome to attend and discover how they can become an active member and help the Columbia Branch Library.

Wednesday, October 18; 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
After School Specials

Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will also be provided. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 20; noon - 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 21; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Bring your stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library! Drop off your special friend by 4:00 on Friday and pick up on Saturday. Overnight, your stuffed animal will have great fun with the others who show up. You'll need to see the sleepover pictures to believe it. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Chopped

Adults, are you a fan of the Food Network's *Chopped*? Then put on your apron and join us for our first adult Chopped event. Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, participants will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specified course. Join us for this fun, tasty event. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 25; 4:30 p.m.

Spooky STEM

Get in the mood for Halloween with fun Halloween-themed science experiments and activities. Perfect for kids in grade 3 and above. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 27; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. Coffee will be served. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Haunted Escape Room

Teens, the library Escape Room is back, but this time with a haunted twist! Put your puzzle solving and code breaking skills to the test as you try to crack the unsolvable and mysterious lockbox. Spooky scenarios and puzzles will be presented and groups will be challenged to solve the puzzles within set time limits. Can you solve the puzzle fast enough? Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 31; 11 a.m.

Halloween Spooktacular!

The goblins are haunting, the monsters will mash. It's time to get together for a Halloween Bash! Children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers are invited to join us for some Halloween fun. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

November

Wednesday, November 1

Dinovember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Thursday, November 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Troll Party

Ready for the biggest, loudest, craziest party ever? Come have fun celebrating like a troll. We'll have stories featuring your favorite characters, crafts, colorful snacks and, of course, a little singing and dancing! This program is designed for children under the age of 10 and is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

*Monday, November 6 through Wednesday, November 8;
regular library hours*

Thank A Veteran - Thank You Card Making

Stop in at the library to show appreciation for our military by creating a thank you card for our veterans. We will be delivering them to the Columbia V.F.W. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

Monday, November 6; 2 p.m.
Popcorn And A Movie

Join us for popcorn and a family friendly movie. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Columbia Writers

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Saturday, November 11; 11 a.m.

Veterans Day Movie

Stop in and enjoy a movie commemorating the brave veterans who have served our country. Veterans will receive a special treat! Snacks available for all. This program is cosponsored by The Columbia Friends of the Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, September 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Book That Matters Most By Ann Hood

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



Monday, September 25; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Small Great Things By Jodi Picoult

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Thursday, September 28; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - America's Test Kitchen Cooking School Cookbook: Everything You Need To Know To Become A Great Cook By America's Test Kitchen

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, October 3; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Stars Are Fire By Anita Shreve

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



Monday, October 23; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Second Mrs. Hockaday By Susan Rivers

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Thursday, October 26; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Food 52 Genius Recipes : 100 Recipes That Will Change The Way You Cook

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. Bring a dish from the selected author's cookbook and talk about your experience in the kitchen. Copies of the book are available at the library. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, November 7; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - The Women In The Castle By Jessica Shattuck

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



Monday, November 27; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The Tea Girl Of Hummingbird Lane By Lisa See

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, December 5; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner And A Book Discussion - In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash By Jean Shepherd

Would you like to spend an evening each month discussing a great book, eating and making new friends? Check out our brand new book discussion group. Dinner is on us! Copies of the book are available at the library. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.



Monday, December 11; 1 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - The 13th Gift: A True Story Of A Christmas Miracle By Joanne Huist Smith

Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.



Thursday, December 21; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cookbook Discussion - Holiday Party

Adults, if you love to read, cook and share recipes, this is the group for you. For our holiday party, we ask that participants prepare a favorite family dish to share. If willing, bring a copy of the recipe to share as well! Preregistration required.



Tuesday, November 14; 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Chopped

Teens, are you a fan of the Food Network's *Chopped*? Then put on your apron and join us for a repeat of our popular Chopped event. Just like the show of the same name, this event will be divided into three courses. In each round, teens will be given one ingredient that must be incorporated into the specified course. Join us for this fun, tasty event. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 15; 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

After School Specials

Teens, coming to the library after school? Then stop in and enjoy a movie or TV show. Snacks will also be provided. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

EARLY CLOSING FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations will close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesday, November 28; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Anime Club

If you love anime, come join us for our anime event! We'll enjoy watching anime, Japanese-related activities and light refreshments. G-rated cosplay will be encouraged. Perfect for those in grades six through 12. Preregistration required.

December

Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 8; regular library hours

Letters To Santa

Kids, stop in any time this week to make and decorate a wish list for Santa.

Saturday, December 9; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Holiday Family Tea Featuring Santa

Families, enjoy a very special holiday tea at the library. There will be crafts, games, sweet treats and beverages, along with a very special visit from Santa Claus! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12; 10:30 a.m.

Fun With Santa's Little Helpers

Santa's elves can hardly wait! It's a festive time to celebrate. Children ages 3 to 6 and their caregivers are invited to join us to celebrate the holiday season. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 13; 6 p.m.

Star Wars Night

May the Force be with you as we celebrate the highly anticipated new movie. Come as your favorite character and meet other characters at this great family event. We'll have crafts, games and activities in honor of the movies along with a drawing to win a gift card to see the new film! This program is cosponsored by The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 14; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Saturday, December 16; 11 a.m. - noon

Holiday Cookie Swap

Adults, come and celebrate the holidays and share some sweet treats at the Holiday Cookie Swap. Bring at least two dozen of your favorite homemade cookies to share with the recipes. Don't forget to bring a container to take your cookies home in! Preregistration required.

Monday, December 18; 6 p.m.

Holiday Movie And Cookies

Join in on a family friendly movie while enjoying holiday cookies. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 19; 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Cartoon And Cookies

Join us for a holiday cartoon and cookies. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 19; 6 p.m.

The Friends Of The Columbia Library, Inc. Meeting

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Friday, December 22; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Coloring For Grown-Ups

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Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Saturday, October 7; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 21; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Introduction To Social Media

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 23; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

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Wednesday, November 1; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Email Basics

Learn about the basics of email, from getting started with an email account to drafting and composing letters and sending attachments. Preregistration required.

Story Times

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 16, 23; November 6, 13; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Story Time

A family fun story time featuring books, music, finger plays and a craft. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 17, 24; November 7, 14; 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 17, 24; November 7, 14; 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

A story time for beginning walkers to 3-year-olds and their caregivers with stories, music, movement and rhymes. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 20; 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Fun

A Thanksgiving-themed story time for children ages 3 through 7 with stories, crafts and games. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 21; 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Fun

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Computer Programs

Saturday, September 2; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Saturday, September 9; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Saturday, September 16; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 18; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

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Saturday, November 25; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 2; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Advanced Email

Learn more advanced features of common email providers like instant messaging, video chat, calendars and cloud storage systems. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 16; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tech Help

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology-related. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 30; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.



Domonkas Branch

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September

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Fridays, September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 10, 17; December 1, 15; 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Crochet And Knit

Patrons, come to the library and join our local knitting and crochet group. Bring your projects, and work in a quiet but fun environment! If you are beginner, come and learn new skills! Please bring your own needles; yarn will be provided. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Blackout Poetry

Teens, do you like using sharpies or turning something old into something new? Then you would enjoy Blackout Poetry here at the library! Turn prose into poetry by blacking out various parts of the page of upcycled books to create your poem. Or you can draw a picture on it as well. Let's get creative and have fun! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 12; 7 p.m.
**Domonkas Friends General
Membership Meeting**

General membership meeting of the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members are always welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale.

Wednesday, September 13; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Great Escape - Retirement Planning

Adults, are you looking to retire in the near future? Or, have you recently retired, but still have questions? Then come to the library and meet Frederick J. Kerestury, from AXA Advisors. He will answer retirement questions, as well as introduce you to strategies that could help potentially build a bigger nest egg during your working years, as well as make it last longer in retirement, and pass on more to your heirs. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Bicycle Maintenance And Repair

Bicycle enthusiasts, come to the library and learn Bicycle Maintenance 101 with Marty from Marty's Cycle Center in Avon Lake. Learn how to change a flat tire and perform basic bike maintenance. Marty will demonstrate these skills and answer any questions you may have. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
**Unwind From The Daily Grind -
Guided Meditation**

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Tuesday, September 19; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night - Talk Like A Pirate Day!

Avast ye landlubbers! It be National Talk Like a Pirate Day and we're hoisting the mainstays of the good ship Domonkas. All lads and lassies of school-going age are hereby invited for an evening of seaworthy swashbuckling! Ye may even earn some pirate loot by completing the Captain's missions. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, September 21; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Escape The Room

Teens, put your puzzle solving and code breaking skills to the test as you try to crack the unsolvable and mysterious lock box in order to escape the library! Scenarios and puzzles will be presented, and groups will be challenged to solve the puzzles within the set time limit. Can you solve the puzzle fast enough? Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 27; 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Friends Preview

Wednesday, September 27; 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Open to public

Thursday, September 28; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, September 29; 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Domonkas Friends Book Sale Preview

The book sale preview will run Wednesday, September 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission to the preview is reserved for Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. New members may join or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Have the first chance at great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more! The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Domonkas Public Library of the Lorain Public Library System. Look for great bargains on books, magazines, CDs and more!

Wednesday, September 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
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Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LPLS Writing Conference

North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville are happy to announce the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference. The featured speaker is Chuck Sambuchino, an author and former editor at *Writer's Digest*. Mr. Sambuchino will be providing valuable and practical information on the methods of publication, landing an agent, how to market yourself as a writer and much more. All writers, whether new to the craft or a veteran, will get much out of this event. Door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers will also be available. Preregistration required.

October

Wednesday, October 4; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Family Zombie Night

Grrrrrr... ghouls of all ages, do you know when zombies go to bed? When they're DEAD tired! Families, come to the library and learn freaky facts about zombies, as well as participate in some creepacular activities. Perfect your undead shuffle, learn some makeup tips, and enjoy some BRAAAAAAINS and other terrific treats! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 5; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Magic The Gathering®

Teens, have a new deck you have been wanting to try? Or, are you new to the mythical game of Magic® and want to learn the basics? Then come on in, hang out and play Magic the Gathering® in a casual environment! Please bring your own set of dice as well as decks! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 9; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wicked Mystical Cloches - Adult Craft

Patrons, are you looking to make a creepy, classic addition to your home? Then look no further! Join the library as we create haunting cloches made from a variety of homespun goods. Spook your friends and neighbors with decor that looks positively creepastic! Be sure to register early, for this macabre craft will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 11; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
S'more Spooky Storytelling

Patrons beware, you are in for a scare at the library! Join us as we read a selection of hair-raising and silly stories in the dark. Then, as we gather around the "campfire" we will partake in delectable marshmallow and chocolate graham treats! This event is for ghouls of all ages, but some stories told may not be for the easily spooked! Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 14; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Into The Unknown - A Ghost Hunter Visit

Ghouls and gals, are you interested in paranormal activity? Then come to the library and meet Tri-C Ghost Hunters, a local paranormal investigation team. Here, they will explain their process of ghost hunting and share some insight on strange and unusual phenomena. Light refreshments will be provided at this mostly ghostly event, so be sure to register today! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 16; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

There's Something Strange At Trivia Night

Patrons, do you know why pumpkins are carved during Halloween? If you do, then come to the library and flex your grey matter with friends for our spooky trivia night! Gather a team and answer questions themed around the most creepy time of year. If your team wins, there will be a spooktacular prize! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 18; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, October 24; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Family Fun Night -
We're Going Back To Hogwarts!**

2017 marks the 20th anniversary of *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone*. This program gathers children ages four to eleven to explore the magical world of everyone's favorite wizarding student. Young witches and wizards will be sorted into houses and compete for points in house cup challenges. Expect to enjoy some tasty treats from the Leaky Cauldron as well! Costumes are encouraged but not required. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 25; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
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Thursday, October 26; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Día De Los Muertos - Teen Sugar Skull Craft

Teens, come to the library and explore new cultures and history as we celebrate Día de los Muertos. In the holiday spirit, you will create and decorate your very own sugar skull. Come with an open mind, and leave with new understanding of this holiday! Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Halloween Spooktacular!

Young goblins and ghouls, you are in for a radically spooky time! Come to the Domonkas library and partake in tasty treats, creepy crafts, grim games, and more at this fantastically-fun, family friendly party. Costumes are encouraged, but not required! Be sure to register early, as this party full of tricks and treats will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Monday, October 30; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Family Fright - Movie Night

Ghouls of all ages, let's get scared! Come to the library for treats and screams. We will show a spooky movie, while you enjoy light, ghoulishly delightful refreshments. Costumes are encouraged but not required. No prop weapons are permitted. Be sure to register early for this fantastic event! Preregistration required.

November

Wednesday, November 1
Dinovember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Thursday, November 2; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Mugvember

Teens, do you enjoy personal-sized desserts? Then come on in and make your own mug cake! Recipes will be provided, as well as the mugs. Afterwards, you can take the mug home. Recipes will allow for plenty of creativity and personalization, so come on in and warm up with a mug cake! Preregistration required.

Monday, November 6; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ask A Psychic

Adults, come to the library and explore the mystical side of life. Meet local psychic and author, Victoria Kempton, who will explore not only the history of fortune telling and other psychic phenomena, but will also debunk any myths surrounding this age-old trade. Then, she will answer any of your questions you may have regarding clairvoyants! Come and find answers to age-old mysteries. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 8; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
More Strange Tales Of Lorain County

Patrons, join the library for another night of strange and unusual facts that surround Lorain County. Together, we will explore tales of the interesting and the mysterious, and see what local legends are actually true! Afterwards, fans of the local history and mystery are encouraged to speak if they have any stories of their own! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, November 11; 2 p.m.

Tuskegee Airmen - Men Of Color Call To Action

In honor of Veterans Day, join the library as we welcome local historian, Margaret Christian, who will discuss the Tuskegee Airmen of Oberlin. They were a group of dedicated, determined young African-American pilots who fought with distinction in World War II. As the first black servicemen to serve as military aviators within the U.S. armed forces, we honor their service by looking back at history! Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration required.



Tuesday, November 14; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - For Those About To Ragnarok

Silly mortals, Sakaar is for Asgardian gods (and giant, angry green guys). In celebration of the latest installment of his cinematic adventures, we'll be learning all about the famous long-haired comic book hero, Thor, and the Norse mythology he was inspired by. There will be snacks, games, stories, and crafts that would please even Odin. Best for school-aged children and their families. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 15; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

EARLY CLOSING FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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Wednesday, November 29; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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December

Monday, December 4; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Simply Having A Wonderful Movie Night

Patrons, start your holiday revelry with a movie night at the library. Come to watch a classic holly jolly film, create holiday cards to send to your loved ones, and then enjoy a plethora of treats that would make even Santa's elves envious! Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 7; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen 8-Bit Art Night

Teens, you are cordially invited to join in the library in making 8-bit masterpieces this holiday season. Templates will be provided, including holly jolly themes, to video games and even anime! Once these are done you can make them into keychains, wall art, and even gift as presents! Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 9; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast With Santa

Make the holidays complete for preschoolers through fourth graders with a visit from the big red man himself, Santa Claus! Visit the library and enjoy a light continental breakfast, stories, games and even a craft. We'll be snapping pictures for you to take home but feel free to bring your own camera for this special event! Preregistration required.

Monday, December 11; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Very Merry Adult Holiday Craft

Spread some holiday cheer at the library and join in this festive craft! Together we will make a jolly decor piece of a penguin and his elf friends. Impress your friends and neighbors with your seasonal craft savvy, and be sure to register early, as this event will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 12; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Night - Build A Candy House

Families with children ages four to eleven are invited to enjoy some holiday festivity at the library! Listen to some classic holiday tunes while you decorate a candy house to display at home. Come dressed to work with icing! Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Holly Jolly Jamboree

Patrons, come to the library for a night of musical merriment! Join in with a local band, who will be singing favorite holiday tunes. Then enjoy sweet treats, and hot chocolate confections that even Dasher and Dancer would love! There is no better way to celebrate the season than through spreading cheer with music. Preregistration required.

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Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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Wednesday, December 27; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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Exercise Programs

Thursday, September 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 21; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 16; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Yoga In The Morning

Adults, are you looking for a way to relax throughout the busy fall season? Then come to the library to practice yoga. Learn how to unwind, and have fun staying fit with this ancient Indian discipline. Please bring a towel or mat to class. Be sure to sign up early, as this will fill up fast! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 16; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 30; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 14; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 28; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 11; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 18; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Zumba® Beat!

Patrons, are you looking to jazz up your mornings with an infectious dance? Then come to the library to break a sweat with Zumba®! Have fun and get fit as we dance to Latin beats! Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, September 5; 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3; 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7; 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5; 6:30 p.m. - Cookie Exchange

Cookbook Discussion

If you like reading and learning about cooking, you'll enjoy this adult get-together to explore the world of food. Review each month's cookbook selection and try some of the recipes. Then attend the discussion session to share your kitchen experiences or a favorite dish from the book. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 25; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, October 23; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, November 27; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday, December 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Holiday Potluck

Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy an upbeat and thought-provoking discussion of titles suggested by the group and Domonkas Branch staff. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are always welcome! Preregistration required.

Computer Program

Individual Technology Help

Call to schedule an individual one hour help session. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

Story Times

Mondays; 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

Story time for children 18 months through 4 years old. Children will have fun with stories, music, puppets, finger plays and crafts, while developing important early literacy skills. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Preregistration required.

September 11 – My Five Senses

September 18 – My Pets

October 9 – Trains

October 16 – Leaves And Pumpkins

October 23 – Halloween Is Coming!

November 6 – Kangaroos And Joeys

November 13 – Baby Owls

November 20 – Thanksgiving Is Coming!

December 4 – I Like Cookies!

December 11 – Have You Seen Reindeer?

December 18 – Holiday Fun



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F, Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun* 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September

September

Friday, September 1; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Learners

Three through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Saturday, September 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Reading Buddies

Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.

Monday, September 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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Wednesday, September 6; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 7; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 9; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Library Block Party

Bring your family to an old-fashioned Block Party at the library! Enjoy a bit of nostalgia as the library hosts retro party games, music and activities from the last century. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 13; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sibling Wars

Ages 5 and up are invited to take on this hilarious challenge of the ultimate war on sibling rivalry. Preregistration required.

Friday, September 15; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Medicare Information Program

Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? Attend this presentation from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP) to learn the "ins and outs" of Medicare. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 19; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Upcycle Book Craft For Adults

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft that will be made from the pages of old books. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 19; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 20; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
LEGO® Ninjago Party

Calling all ninjas ages 2 and up! Join us for a LEGO® Ninjago party at the library. Enjoy a ninja obstacle course, activities and crafts. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 23; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Craft Closet

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft supply closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you'd like to remake. Here's your chance! Ages 2 and up may drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last.

Saturday, September 23; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Zentangle®

Zentangle® is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Adults and families are invited to join Cathy Zavodny and Michelle Rodgers to learn this fascinating art form that is fun and relaxing. No previous art or drawing experience is required. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 25; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
The History Of Jazz Music

Learn about jazz artists and their music through the 20th and into the 21st century with Dr. Joel S. Keller of North Ridgeville. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Wednesday, September 27; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Teen Donut Tasting

Teens and tweens, come to the library for a donut tasting. We will have good music, sweet treats and refreshments! Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LPLS Writing Conference

North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville will sponsor the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference with Chuck Sambuchino, author and former *Writer's Digest* editor, who will provide publication, landing an agent, how to market and other information for new and veteran writers. Preregistration required.

October

Monday, October 2; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Friends Of The North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. General Membership Meeting

General membership meeting of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members are welcome. Plans will be made for the next book sale and other fundraisers.

Wednesday, October 4; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 4; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
My Little Pony Party

Do you like My Little Pony? Ages 2 and up are invited to come to the library for My Little Pony themed games, activities and crafts. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 5; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 7; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Browser's® Reading Buddies

Browser's® Reading Buddies is a relaxed, dog-friendly program where first through fifth-graders may sit and read with a certified Therapy Dog International canine volunteer. Each child may sign up for a 15-minute session. Call the library at 440-327-8326 to register.

Saturday, October 7; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Craft Closet

Help! The library needs to clean out its craft supply closet. Did you miss a story time craft? Or perhaps you have a favorite craft that you'd like to remake. Here's your chance! Ages 2 and up may drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make a special craft while supplies last.

Wednesday, October 11; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Teen Día De Los Muertos Celebration

October 31 to November 2 is Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a colorful Mexican holiday celebrated throughout the world. Tweens and teens are invited to learn and celebrate with us! We'll listen to music, create paper marigolds and decorate sugar skulls. Preregistration required.

Friday, October 13; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Learners

Three through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.



Saturday, October 14; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ghost Hunting 101

Join local paranormal researcher, Bob Wachsberger as he shares his experiences investigating haunted locations around Ohio. Bob will explain what happens on a ghost hunt and what equipment he uses. He will share some of the evidence he has collected over the years and answer any questions you have about ghosts. There is nothing to fear. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 17; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Upcycle Book Craft For Adults

Adults, come enjoy an afternoon of crafting at the library. Staff will present a fun, easy take-home craft that will be made from the pages of old books. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 17; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 18; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Gross Me Out At The Library

For kindergarteners through sixth graders. Disgusting science demonstrations will entertain your child in this hands-on presentation. Run, don't walk, to the library to witness for yourself good science gone bad! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 19; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. For ages 5 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 21; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Halloween Bash

Come in costume for some ghastly good games, monstrous music, dreadful dancing and hair-raising activities. Kids will partake in frightful fun that will leave them wanting more! Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 26; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Book Sale Preview

Admission to the book sale preview is reserved for members of The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc. New members may join, or former members may renew their annual memberships that evening. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Friday, October 27; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 28; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29; 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Book Sale

Open to the public. Large assortment of books, movies and puzzles for all ages. Sponsored by The Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

November

Wednesday, November 1
Dinovenember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovenember.

Wednesday, November 1; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups

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Thursday, November 2; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

Bring a lunch and relax while listening to short stories and poetry read by library staff. Share in the follow-up discussion. Coffee and tea will be provided. For ages 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Saturday, November 4; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Superheroes At The Library

Do you have a favorite superhero? Ages 2 and up are invited to join us for a visit from Heroes United and meet real-life super heroes! We will have super stories, action-packed activities plus incredible crafts. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 8; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Teen Room Makeover

Attention tweens and teens! Are you waking up on the wrong side of the bed? Is sleeping in your room a real snooze? Take a look at some easy ways to revive your boring bedroom without spending much money. Preregistration required.

Friday, November 10; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Learners

Three through 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by the story room to explore and learn about the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, patterns and much more.

Thursday, November 16; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Stuffed Animal Pet Show

Do you have a favorite stuffed animal? Ages 2 and up are invited to bring one stuffed animal per child to show off at the library Stuffed Animal Pet Show! Join us for stuffed animal judging, stories, activities and crafts. Preregistration required.

Saturday, November 18; 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Craft Closet

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Tuesday, November 21; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
EARLY CLOSING FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations will close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday, November 29; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
LEGO® Fun Night

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December

Saturday, December 2; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Saturday, December 2; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Elf On The Shelf Party

The Elf on the Shelf is visiting the library! Ages 2 and up are invited to join us for Elf on the Shelf themed stories, activities and crafts. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 6; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Coloring For Grown-Ups

Join us as we celebrate the adult coloring craze! Experience the calming, stress-relieving benefits of coloring beautiful designs and patterns made specifically for adults. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and markers will be provided. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 6; 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Gingerbread House Workshop - How-To

Families are welcome to come create a graham cracker house decorated with icing and candy. PLEASE NOTE: We ask that each family bring a box of graham crackers and candy to build your own house and a bag of candy to share with everyone. We will supply the rest of the materials to make your gingerbread house. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 7; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A Literary Lunch Break - Story Time For Grown-Ups

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Saturday, December 16; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Ornament Workshop

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you ready to decorate your tree? We will provide the materials for ages 3 and up to make several different ornaments to adorn your home for the holiday season. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 19; 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Upcycle Book Craft For Adults

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Tuesday, December 19; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Gamer Lounge

Fourth-graders through 12th-graders, drop by between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. with your friends in tow and enjoy Wii and PlayStation®4 on the big screen. Preregistration required.

Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Wednesday, December 27; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Movie And Popcorn

Families are invited to enjoy a recently released and much-anticipated PG or G-rated film. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 28; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LEGO® Fun Day

Do you love to build with LEGO® bricks? Here's your chance! The library will provide the LEGO® bricks and you supply the ideas and creations. Ages 5 and up can come anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 30; 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Families are welcome to celebrate the new year early with their kids. Bring in 2018 with music, a countdown and ball drop at noon. PLEASE NOTE: Preregistration is required for all attending--children and caregivers. Intended for ages 2 and up. Preregistration required.

Computer Programs

Monday, September 11; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 14; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Computers For Beginners

Learn computer basics such as using a mouse, identifying computer parts and how the Windows 10 operating system works. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 18; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 21; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Internet For Beginners

Learn internet basics, online search tools and pointers for evaluating Web content. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 28; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Understanding The Cloud

Have you heard about the cloud but have no idea what it is? Does it all just sound too confusing? Then this class is for you. We'll go through what the cloud is and what it can be used for in a simple and straightforward manner that anybody can understand. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 9; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 12; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 10; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cybersecurity And You

Cybersecurity is a growing issue as data breaches, scams and identity theft are on the rise. But there are steps you can take to improve your security and keep your identity safe. This interactive workshop will allow attendees to create an action plan to improve their cybersecurity and will provide a checklist to follow. Presented by Michael Wasylshyn of NCA Financial Planners as a free community education workshop. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 17; 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hack-Proof Your Smartphone 2017

One of the most cybersecurity common questions people have is about protecting their smartphones from hackers. This workshop will discuss eight important things that you can do immediately to make sure your smartphone is more secure. Presented by Michael Wasylshyn of NCA Financial Planners as a free community education workshop. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 23; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 26; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Word 2016 For Beginners

Learn the basics about Microsoft Word 2016, including the formatting and editing necessary for creating a basic document. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 6; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 9; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 13; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 16; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Excel 2016 For Beginners

This introductory class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel, a popular spreadsheet program. Participants will learn about working with Excel worksheets and workbooks, identifying rows and columns, entering data into cells and ranges, and creating simple mathematical formulas. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 30; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Internet Safety And Security

Do you want to use the internet, but you're frightened by all of the potential safety risks and security threats? Then come to this informative class to learn the basics of internet safety and security. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 11; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 14; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PowerPoint 2016 For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Wednesday, September 6; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 13; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - Rebecca By Daphne Du Maurier

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, September 20; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - Night Night, Sleep Tight By Hallie Ephron

Copies of the mystery book being discussed are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 26; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 4; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 11; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Haunting Of Hill House By Shirley Jackson

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, October 18; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - A Killing In The Hills By Julia Keller

Copies of the mystery book being discussed are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 1; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 8; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Paris Architect By Charles Belfoure

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 15; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - Mary, Mary By James Patterson

Copies of the mystery book being discussed are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 28; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Afternoon Adult Book Discussion

Adults, enjoy a fun and interesting discussion of a popular title. Copies of the book are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 6; 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

After Breakfast Adult Morning Book Discussion

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Wednesday, December 13; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Buddies - Adult Book Discussion - The Christmas Thief By Mary Higgins Clark

Copies of the book being discussed this month are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, December 20; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Butler Did It - Mystery Book Discussion - The Twelve Dogs Of Christmas By David Rosenfelt

Copies of the mystery book being discussed are available at the adult information desk. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Story Times

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16;

10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 1

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11;

10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 2

Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19;

10:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 1

Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14; 1

0:15 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. - Session 2

Baby And Me Story Time

Stories, music and finger plays for babies from birth to 23 months old along with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16;

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11;

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 2

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16;

11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 1

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11;

11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 2

Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19;

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Session 1

November 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14; 10:45 a.m. -

11:15 a.m. - Session 2

Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19;

11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 1

Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14;

11:30 a.m. - noon - Session 2

Tales For Twos Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16;

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Session 1

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11;

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Session 2

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17;

6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Session 1

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12;

6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Session 2

Family Fun Story Time

A fun story time for families with children ages 2 to 6 years old. Families not signed up for other story time sessions are welcome to join us for stories, songs and crafts. Preregistration required.

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16;

6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Session 1

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11;

6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Session 2

Primerime Preschool Story Time

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 2 to 6-year-olds. Make us a part of your Monday night bedtime routine. Children may come dressed in their pajamas ready to enjoy a bedtime story. Children four and older may go into the story room alone or with their caregiver. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17;

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 1

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12;

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Session 2

Thrilling Threes - Story Time For 3-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17;

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 1

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12;

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Session 2

Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19; 1:30

p.m. - 2 p.m. - Session 1

Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14; 1:30

p.m. - 2 p.m. - Session 2

Fabulous Fours and Fives - Story Time For 4-And 5-Year-Olds

Stories, music, finger plays and crafts for 4 and 5-year-olds. Preregistration required.

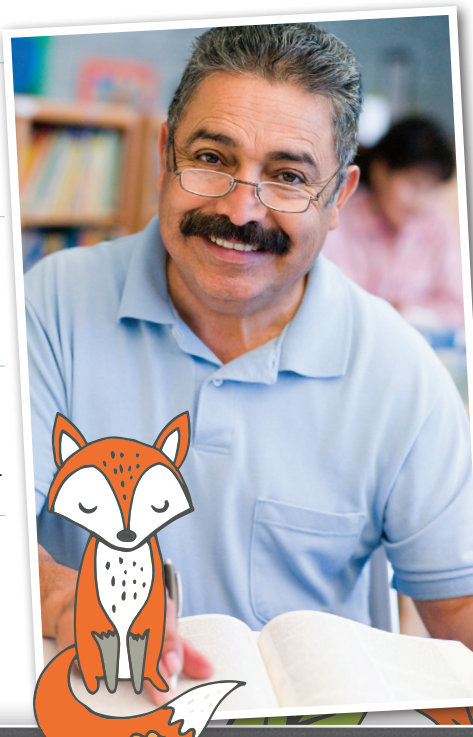
North Ridgeville Writers

Saturdays, September 2, 16; October 14, 28; November

11, 25; December 9; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

North Ridgeville Writers

Are you an adult who wants to meet other writers and hone your writing skills? Do you need motivation to pick up a pen in the first place? If so, take part in our writing group. Participate in read and critique sessions, build your skills through writing practice and learn the craft of writing in general. Preregistration required.



South Lorain Branch

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Sun* 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

* Closed Sundays from May through September

September

Monday, September 4; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Thursday, September 7; 6 p.m.
Jazzy Journals And DIY Diaries

Join us to design and craft your own journal or diary. As we build and decorate we will discuss some writing techniques and prompts. All ages are welcome to participate in this event, though participants will use tools such as needles and scissors. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 11; 6 p.m.
STEAMSPACE

Families and children ages 3 and up join us at this monthly opportunity to explore different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects. These cool kits are designed to be worked on individually or in small groups. Participants will have hands-on exposure to the STEAM activities and earn different badges as they complete activities throughout the year. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 12; 6 p.m.
Exploring The World Of Essential Oils

For centuries people have been using essential oils to look, feel, and live better. Mesha Moore from New Life Massage and Whole Living Solutions will explain what essential oils are, how they can benefit you and your family, and how to safely use them. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 14; 6 p.m.
Heart Of Art Club - Watercolor In The Garden

All ages are welcome to join us for an evening outside and discover the wonders of nature. For this art program we will set up the easels and water paint in the outdoor reading garden. Preregistration is required.

Monday, September 18; 6 p.m.
Zoom Boom Crash - Hot Wheels Freeplay

Families and children of all ages join us for a night of Hot Wheels fun. Construct a track or race your friends for a wheely fun time. We will project a Wii racing game and provide the Hot Wheels cars for you to play with. Preregistration required.

Thursday, September 21; 6 p.m.
Marble Mania

Families and children ages 3 and up join us to work as a team to construct an awesome marble run. Preregistration required.

Monday, September 25; 6 p.m.
Dinosaur Diggers JR

Families and children join us on a prehistoric adventure to excavate your own fossils and learn about dinosaurs. This program is designed for children under the age of 10. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 26; 6:30 p.m.
**DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101 -
What Makes Film Art?**

Let's watch and talk about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, September 26; 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
**Friends Of The Lorain Public Library -
Board Meeting**

The Friends of the Lorain Public Library board meeting is open to all members of the Friends group.

Thursday, September 28; 6 p.m.
Dinosaur Diggers

Families and children join us on a prehistoric adventure to excavate your own fossils and construct a model dinosaur. This program is designed for children age 8 and up. Preregistration required.

Saturday, September 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LPLS Writing Conference
North Ridgeville Branch Library, 35700 Bainbridge Road,
North Ridgeville

The Lorain Public Library System and Friends of the Library groups of Avon, Columbia, Domonkas, Lorain and North Ridgeville are happy to announce the 2017 LPLS Writing Conference. The featured speaker is Chuck Sambuchino, an author and former editor at *Writer's Digest*. Mr. Sambuchino will be providing valuable and practical information on the methods of publication, landing an agent, how to market yourself as a writer and much more. All writers, whether new to the craft or a veteran, will get much out of this event. Door prizes, refreshments and great opportunities to network with other local writers will also be available. Preregistration required.

October

Monday, October 2; 6 p.m.
STEAMSPACE

Families and children ages 3 and up join us at this monthly opportunity to explore different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects. These cool kits are designed to be worked on individually or in small groups. Participants will have hands-on exposure to the STEAM activities and earn different badges as they complete activities throughout the year. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 3; 6 p.m.
**Hispanic Heritage Month -
Toys From Latin America**

Guillermo Arriaga, curator of the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, will present a sample of the museum's collection of authentic hispanic toys, and explain the cultural and historical significance of these artifacts. Come learn about dolls from Argentina, Puerto Rico and Peru; see and hear musical instruments from Mexico and the Dominican Republic; and examine children's toys from Costa Rica, Venezuela and Ecuador. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 5; 6 p.m.
Heart Of Art Club - Cave Painting

All ages are welcome to join us for an evening of messy art. Join us as we turn down the lights and transform our room into an ancient cave canvas. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 7; 2 p.m.
Sofrito!

Spice up your cuisine with this traditional Latino sauce. Celebrate the diversity of sofrito in different Latin cultures. We invite you to share your knowledge with us! Tell us how you use and prepare sofrito at home. We will also share recipes and cooking tips. Contact the South Lorain Branch Library at 440-277-5672 for more details. This program is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 9; 6 p.m.
My Little Pony Party Palooza

Families and children of all ages join us for My Little Pony themed games and activities. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 10; 6 p.m.
Mental Health Awareness And Stigma

Do you or someone you know suffer from mental illness? Join Clare Cygan-Young, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Lorain County, for a candid discussion about mental health, mental illness diagnosis and treatment, and solutions to overcome the stigma associated with mental illness. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 12; 6 p.m.
The Floor Is Lava! - Build An Erupting Volcano
Watch out, this program is hot! Families and children of all ages let your imagination flow while we sculpt volcanoes and then make them erupt. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 16; 6 p.m.
Hogwarts Escape Room

Families and children ages 5 and up join us to test your wits in this *Harry Potter* themed escape challenge. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 19; 6 p.m.

Hogwarts Escape Room - Hard Mode

Harry Potter lovers age 10 and up join us to test your wits in this Hogwarts themed escape challenge. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 23; 6 p.m.

Tomodachi Friends - Cosplay Cafe

All ages are welcome to join us at the cosplay cafe where we will sample some Japanese snacks and kick off our new anime and manga club, Tomodachi Friends. G-rated costumes are strongly encouraged. This is the perfect time to dress up and perfect your cosplay! Preregistration required.

Tuesday, October 24; 6:30 p.m.

**DVD Discussion Group - Film Appreciation 101 -
What Makes Film Art?**

Let's watch and talk about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion. Preregistration required.

Thursday, October 26; 6 p.m.

Caution! Monster Makeup

Families and children of all ages are welcome to join us as we experiment with some cool monster makeup and effects. Preregistration required.

Monday, October 30; 6 p.m.
Halloween Party

Families and children of all ages join us for an evening of Halloween themed games and activities. Light refreshments will be served for a scary good time. Preregistration required.

November

Wednesday, November 1
Dinovember Photo Contest

The dinosaurs are back and getting into more mischief while the library is closed. Send us a picture of what dinosaurs do at your house overnight. The best entry will win a prize. Dinosaurs only please - no humans. Creatively silly dinos will score the highest with our judges! Entries will be accepted from daybreak on Nov. 1 through the evening of Dec. 1. Please indicate how you would like your photo credited. Full last names will not be used. Email contest@lpls.info, post your photo to the library's Facebook page, or tweet your picture at the library (@LorainLibrary). All social media entries should include #LPLSDinovember. Submitting a picture constitutes your consent for the Lorain Public Library System to use it at any of their locations, on their website and social media sites, and in publicity to promote the library.

Thursday, November 2; 6 p.m..

**Tomodachi Friends: Anime & Manga Club -
Dub Studio**

Tweens and teens join us at the Tomodachi Friends anime and manga club. Hang out, watch anime, talk about your favorite manga. At this meeting we will set up a mini dub studio to record your own vocals. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 6; 6 p.m.
STEAMSPACE

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Thursday, November 9; 6 p.m.
Adult Paint Night

Painting experience won't be necessary at this simple, stress-free session for adults. Artist and Branch Librarian Supervisor Cheryl Grizzell will guide you in replicating the featured painting. Canvas, paints and brushes, as well as light refreshments, will be provided. Artists will take home their masterpieces. Wear appropriate clothing. Preregistration required

Monday, November 13; 6 p.m.
Super League Celebration

Calling all superheroes! Families and children of all ages join us for a super celebration with games, snacks, and activities. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 14; 6 p.m.

**More Stuffing Please - Creative Twists On
Traditional Thanksgiving Side Dishes**

Looking for new ideas for your Thanksgiving Day dinner? In this demonstration program, Chef Mark will offer fresh ideas for traditional Thanksgiving side dishes that will have everyone asking for seconds. And yes, there will be food to sample and recipes to take home. Preregistration required.

Monday, November 20; 6 p.m.

Family Game Night - Pizza Party

Families and children of all ages join us as we bust out the board games at this old school cool pizza party. Games will be provided. Preregistration required.

Wednesday, November 22; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**EARLY CLOSING FOR THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

All Lorain Public Library System locations will close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
**CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday, November 27; 6 p.m.
Frozen Sing-a-long

Families and kids of all ages, join us to watch a frozen-weather favorite and sing along to all of the songs. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, November 28; 6:30 p.m.

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Let's watch and talk about some of the finest films ever made and some of the finest performances to ever grace the big screen. Discover why certain films are considered classics, and learn about the art and craft of expert filmmaking. In this monthly series, patrons will be able to borrow the featured film on DVD one week prior to the discussion. Preregistration required.

Thursday, November 30; 6 p.m.

Adult Cookie Decorating Workshop

Adult enthusiasts of delicious crafts join us to kick off the holiday season with a cookie decorating workshop. Participants will learn how to decorate four different sugar cookies with royal icing. Participants must also bring their own cookie sheet to transport their cookies safely home as they will be wet and will not be able to be stacked. This workshop is for adults only. Preregistration required.

Writers Group

*Thursdays, September 7, 21; October 5, 19;
November 2, 16, 30; December 14, 28; 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*
Writers Group

Do you write fiction or would you like to start? Join our fiction writing group and fine-tune your skills! This group is for adults only. Preregistration required.



Exercise Programs

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27; 5:30 p.m.
Yoga For Beginners

Adults, join the weekly Wednesday yoga class taught by Tom Gorman. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Preregistration required.

*Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25;
November 1, 8, 15, 29; 6 p.m.*
Tai Chi For Arthritis

Are you one of the over 50 million people in the U.S. who has arthritis, including pain, stiffness and fear of falling? If so, you are invited to attend this eight-week series that will teach you valuable techniques to better cope with this potentially disabling condition. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes so you can participate in simple exercises. Preregistration required.



December

Monday, December 4; 6 p.m.

STEAMSPACE

Families and children ages 3 and up join us at this monthly opportunity to explore different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects. These cool kits are designed to be worked on individually or in small groups. Participants will have hands-on exposure to the STEAM activities and earn different badges as they complete activities throughout the year. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, December 5; 6 p.m.

Adult Holiday Craft

Join us for an enjoyable evening of crafting. All materials will be provided and you will be able to take your finished project home to display during the holidays. This program is for adults only. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 7; 6 p.m.

Hour Of Code - Learn to Code

Children ages 6 and up, join kids around the world to celebrate Computer Science Education Week with one hour of code. Solve puzzles and learn the basics of computer programming. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 11; 6 p.m.

Star Wars Jedi Challenge

Families and children of all ages join us in a *Star Wars* celebration with games and puzzles to challenge Jedi of all ages. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 14; 6 p.m.

Heart Of Art Club - Snowpocalypse

All ages are welcome to join us for an evening of snowflake inspired art. Participants are welcome to take snowflake creations home or use them to help decorate the library. Preregistration required.

Monday, December 18; 6 p.m.

Rudolph's Rockin' Christmas

Families and kids of all ages, put on your pajamas and join us for hot chocolate and cookies while we watch a misfit reindeer go down in history. Preregistration required.

Thursday, December 21; 6 p.m.

Tomodachi Friends: Anime and Manga Club - Christmas Special

Tweens and teens join us at the Tomodachi Friends anime and manga club. Hang out, watch anime, and talk about your favorite manga. At this meeting we will have a 'Meri Kurisumasu' celebration with Christmas cake. Preregistration is required.

Sunday, December 24; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25; 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

All Lorain Public Library System locations are closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.



Chess Club

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27;

October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22;

December 6, 13, 20, 27; 4 p.m.

South Lorain Chess Club

Open play chess sessions are for all ages and levels, from beginner to expert. This is an opportunity for people to congregate, meet others, talk chess, play and work on their game.

Story Times

Saturday, October 14; 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month Story Program

Families and children of all ages, join us as we read stories that celebrate our Hispanic culture. Each family will receive a copy of *Sofi and the Magic, Musical Mural/Sofi y el Magico Mural Musical* by local author Dr. Raquel M. Ortiz. This program is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Preregistration required.

Saturdays, November 18; December 2; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dog Tales - Children Read Aloud To A Dog

Parents bring your children to the library so they can practice their reading skills by reading to one of our furry friends from the Lorain County Kennel Club. Appointments will be taken in 15 minute intervals between 1 and 3. Children can bring their own book or read books from the library. Preregistration required.

Computer Programs

Saturday, October 7; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Technology Help

Call to schedule one-on-one help during this two-hour window. If you have a new computer, phone or device, we are here to help you learn about and enjoy them. We can also show you the many electronic resources the library has to offer, such as movies, books, music and audiobooks. Need help setting up an email account or want to learn basic computer skills? Start here. Call today!

Friday, October 20; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Introduction To Windows 10

Learn to use Microsoft's newest operating system, including how to customize your desktop, manage files and folders, and navigate Windows 10. Preregistration required.

Saturday, October 21; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday, October 28; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

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Saturday, November 25; 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Word For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of typing and saving documents using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Word. Learn ways to format and print documents, and copy and paste techniques. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 9; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Excel For Beginners

Participants will learn about the basics of using the 2007 edition of Microsoft Excel to set up a spreadsheet workbook. The instructor will demonstrate how to input data, compose simple spreadsheet formulas, and choose layout and print format options. A limited amount of hands-on practice time will be available. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Saturday, December 16; 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Technology Help

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Friday, December 22; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PowerPoint For Beginners

Learn to create dynamic presentations for any audience. Participants will learn how to create slides that include charts, clip art and other graphics, including animation and transition effects. Learn to edit and polish your presentations with ease. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, December 29; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

eMedia

Come learn how to use the library's website to access free downloadable eBooks, magazines, audiobooks and music. Also learn how to stream free movies and TV shows to your computer or TV. Get an overview of our eLibrary services, and learn how to get started enjoying them today. Plus learn how to take online courses for free using Gale Courses. Bring any questions and your devices. Preregistration required.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 19; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - The Age Of Innocence By Edith Wharton

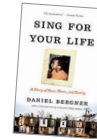
The story of the upper classes of old New York, and Newland Archer's impossible love for the disgraced Countess Olenska have made *The Age of Innocence* a classic and a favorite of readers for more than 90 years. Copies of this book will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion. Read the book and join us.



Tuesday, October 17; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Sing For Your Life: A Story Of Race, Music, And Family By Daniel Bergner

At age 12, Ryan Green was sent to a Virginia juvenile detention facility; he was uncontrollable with little hope for the future. Today, he is a rising star performing major roles at the Met and Europe's most prestigious opera houses. Read Ryan's amazing story and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.



Tuesday, November 21; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Homegoing By Yaa Gyasi

The story begins with two half-sisters who are separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. *Homegoing* then traces the generations of family who follow, displaying the legacy of slavery in the light of the present day. Read the book and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.



Tuesday, December 19; 6:30 p.m.

Change Of Pace Book Discussion Group - Born To Run By Bruce Springsteen

Like many of his songs, Bruce Springsteen's autobiography is written with the lyricism of a singular songwriter and the wisdom of a man who has thought deeply about his experiences. Read the book and join us. Books will be available at the South Lorain Branch Library one month prior to the discussion.

